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SUBJECT: W/W JAMES ALBERT

1. SUBJECT APPEARED AT CONSULATE ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AND REQUESTED CONSULATE ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM RELATIVES IN U.S. CONSULATE ASSISTED SUBJECT TO MAKE SEVERAL COLLECT CALLS TO U.S. AND AS RESULT OF PHONE CALLS SUBJECT RECEIVED US\$50 FROM ONE BROTHER AND US\$325 FROM

SECOND BROTHER. SUBJECT PAID HIS HOTEL BILL IN BELEM AND DEPARTED WIT
STATED INTENTION TO RETURN TO U.S

2. SUBJECT IS NOW IN MANAUS AND HAS NO FUNDS (MANAUS IS ABOUT 2000 KM FROM BELEM). HE HAS STAYED IN HOTEL NOVO MUNDO FOR 10 DAYS RUNNING UP BILL OF APPROXIMATELY CR\$150 (US\$18) PER DAY FOR LODGING PLUS ADDITIONAL CR\$100 (US\$12) PER DAY FOR FOOD. CONSUL ESTIMATES THAT HIS UNPAID BILL SO FAR IS CR\$2500 (US\$301). WITH ASSISTANCE OF CONSULAR AGENT IN MANAUS SUBJECT CALLED HIS EX-WIFE AND SEVERAL OF HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS COLLECT TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE. SUBJECT'S RELATIVES REFUSED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

3. CONSUL RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SUBJECT'S BROTHER IN TENNESSEE ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO. SUBJECT'S BROTHER WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SUBJECT AND EXPLAINED TO CONSUL THAT SINCE SUBJECT LOST HIS JOB HE HAD BEEN TRAVELING IN LATIN AMERICA FOR THE LAST NINE MONTHS. IN PAST NINE MONTHS HE HAS BEEN IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FREQUENTLY AND HAS ASKED AND RECEIVED HELP FROM HIS RELATIVES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. BROTHER
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EXPLAINED THAT ALL OF SUBJECT'S RELATIVES ARE WORKING PEOPLE AND DO

NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO KEEP SUPPLYING SUBJECT WITH MONEY WHENEVER HE RUNS OUT. SUBJECT'S RELATIVES SENT NON-TRANSFERABLE, NON REFUNDABLE AIRLINE TICKET TO HIM IN BOGOTA, BUT SUBJECT FOUND A WAY TO CASH IN TICKET IN COLOMBIA. RELATIVES NOW FEAR THAT HE WOULD CASH IN OTHER SUCH TICKETS THAT THEY MIGHT SEND.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CALL RELATIVES IN U.S. AND SEE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO HELP SUBJECT. SUGGEST THAT A TRUST FUND IN FAVOR OF SUBJECT BE SET UP PAYABLE TO BELEM CLASS B CASHIER ANTONIO PEREIRA IN AMOUNT OF US\$1000 (ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS). CONSULATE WOULD BUY TICKET (NON-TRANSFERABLE NON REFUNDABLE) AND CONSULAR AGENT WOULD PAY HOTEL BILL. AT PLANE TIME CONSULAR AGENT WOULD SEND SUBJECT TO AIRPORT WITH TICKET AND SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH. ANY EXCESS FUNDS WOULD BE RETURNED TO RELATIVES.

CONSUL ESTIMATES EXPENSES AS FOLLOWS: AIR LINE TICKET (MANAUS/ NASHVILLE) US\$366., HOTEL BILL US\$512., INCIDENTALS US\$100: TOTAL US\$978.

5. IN NO CASE SHOULD SUBJECT BE ROUTED HOME THROUGH BOGOTA SINCE IF GIVEN CHANCE HE WOULD PROBABLY LEAVE PLANE IN BOGOTA AND COULD WELL TURN UP AT EMBASSY THERE AS A W/W CASE.

6. IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE SOON HOTEL NOVO MUNDO WILL CALL POLICE AND HAVE SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR NON PAYMENT OF BILL. HOTEL WILL NOT LET SUBJECT TRANSFER TO CHEAPER HOTEL UNTIL BILL IS PAID. ALTHOUGH HOTEL MAY SEEM EXPENSIVE, HOTEL NOVO MUNDO IS A MODEST CLEAN HOTEL THAT IS ACTUALLY QUITE MODERATELY PRICED BY MANAUS STANDARDS. IF SUBJECT IS ARRESTED COSTS BEFORE HE IS RELEASED AND RETURNED TO U.S. WOULD PROBABLY CONSIDERABLY EXCEED US\$1000.

7. RELATIVES IN US ARE AS FOLLOWS: BROTHER., R.M. PLYES, P.O. BOX 207, CHAPEL HILL, TENN. PHONE 615, 364-7308. BROTHER: RAY PLYES, TITUSVILLE, FLA, PHOCE 305, 267-3419. PARENTS., MR AND MRS JESSI M. PLYES, GREENBRIER, TENN. PHONE NOT KNOWN. SISTER, MARY K. PLYES LIVES WITH PARENTS.

8. IF RELATIVES WILL NOT ASSIST SUBJECT, REPARATION AND SUBSISTENCE LOAN WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY IN AMOUNT OF ABOUT US\$1000.

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